



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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TO: Michigan State Waterways Commissioners
FROM: Ronald A. Olson, Chief, Parks and Recreation Division
SUBJECT: 2013 Statewide Emergency Dredging Initiative Resolution

The agenda for the February 8, 2013 Waterways Commission Special Meeting includes a request for Commission review and action, by Resolution No. 02-2013-01, of the following Department recommendations:

- The 2013 Emergency Dredging Plan (Appendix A).
- Postponing the deployment of funding in fiscal year 2013 of identified capital outlay projects and redirecting funds for emergency dredging (Appendix B).
- Streamlining the implementation process to complete emergency dredging plan projects in 2013 (Appendix C):
 - Suspending acceptance of applications for the 2013 grant year.

Permitting zero match on only 2013 grant-in-aid emergency dredging plan projects.

Permitting advance payment on only 2013 grant-in-aid emergency dredging plan projects.

Streamlined state and federal permitting process, and Department of Technology, Management and Budget process.

Providing technical assistance.

Temporarily suspending Policy #9.8 Waterways Grant Funding.

The initiative to seek congressional approval for use of funding within the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund for Michigan recreational harbors and marinas.

Support of this resolution will maximize efficiencies to dredge locations across the state with a combined \$20,961,020 in waterways and general fund appropriation.